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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF
TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE LAYOUT
TECHNICIANS."**

1 In line 44, after "statutes," insert "as amended by this act,"

2 After line 84, insert the following:

3 "(h) Nothing in this section or section 2 of this act shall be construed
4 to require any plans, designs, drawings or similar materials used by a
5 public service technician, as defined in section 20-340b of the general
6 statutes, as amended by this act, in connection with
7 telecommunications electrical work performed by such public service
8 technician to be signed by a telecommunications infrastructure layout
9 technician."

10 After line 96, insert section 3 as follows:

11 "Sec. 3. Section 20-340b of the general statutes is repealed and the
12 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

13 (a) As used in this section:

14 (1) "Telecommunications electrical work" means work permitted to
15 be performed by holders of a limited electrical contractor's license (T-1)
16 as provided by regulation adopted under this chapter.

17 (2) "Public service technician" means an employee of a public service
18 company or certified telecommunications provider, as defined in
19 section 16-1, or any affiliate of any such company or provider, who is
20 engaged in telecommunications electrical work and who is not
21 otherwise exempt from licensing pursuant to section 20-340.

22 (b) Notwithstanding any provisions of this chapter, to the contrary,
23 a public service technician may be issued a certificate of registration by
24 the Department of Consumer Protection, upon authorization of the
25 Electrical Work Board, in lieu of any license which otherwise might be
26 required under this chapter, which shall entitle the holder of such
27 certificate to perform telecommunications electrical work only as
28 provided in this section, provided the public service company,
29 certified telecommunications provider or [its] affiliate which employs
30 the public service technician certifies to the Electrical Work Board that
31 the employee has obtained such training and experience deemed
32 necessary by the public service company, certified telecommunications
33 provider or [its] affiliate to perform telecommunications electrical
34 work included in such employee's job functions.

35 (c) The content and duration of the training and experience
36 programs provided by the public service company, certified
37 telecommunications provider or [its] affiliate must be relevant to the
38 duties of the employee and must be approved biennially by the Labor
39 Department. In reviewing the programs and training provided by a
40 public service company, certified telecommunications provider or [its]
41 affiliate, the Labor Department shall consider the specialization of the
42 employees of the company or provider, the employee's previous
43 company or provider training, the service record of the company or
44 provider, the experience of the company or provider in training

45 employees to perform telecommunications electrical work, and the
46 quality assurance measures used by the company or provider.

47 (d) An employee enrolled in the [company's] training programs of
48 the public service company or certified telecommunications provider
49 shall be issued a trainee's certificate by such company or provider,
50 valid for the duration of the training program, and may perform
51 telecommunications electrical work only under the supervision of an
52 employee of the public service company, certified telecommunications
53 provider or [its] affiliate who is a registered public service technician
54 or holds a journeyman's license.

55 (e) A public service company or certified telecommunications
56 provider employing a public service technician shall inform the
57 Electrical Work Board upon the change in job description or
58 termination of any registered public service technician previously
59 certified to the board pursuant to subsection (b) of this section and
60 upon the issuance or termination of a trainee's certificate provided to
61 an employee pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

62 (f) A registered public service technician or employee of a public
63 service company, certified telecommunications provider or [its]
64 affiliate issued a trainee's certificate by such company or provider may
65 only perform such work on behalf of such public service company,
66 certified telecommunications provider or [its] affiliate and only while
67 in the direct employment of such public service company, certified
68 telecommunications provider or [its] affiliate. Such registration or
69 trainee's certificate will be immediately relinquished upon termination
70 of employment from such public service company, certified
71 telecommunications provider or [its] affiliate.

72 (g) A registered public service technician may not supervise any
73 duly registered apprentice performing work under a permit issued
74 pursuant to subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 20-334a.

75 (h) The public service technician's registration shall expire annually.
76 The fee for registration as a public service technician shall be the same

77 fee as that charged for a journeyman's license under section 20-335.

78 (i) Registered public service technicians shall be subject to the same
79 disciplinary actions as journeymen, including, but not limited to,
80 actions authorized under sections 20-334, 20-341 and 21a-9.

81 (j) Supervisory personnel of a public service company, certified
82 telecommunications provider or [its] affiliate authorized to employ
83 registered public service technicians pursuant to this section may act as
84 an agent of such company or provider for the purpose of taking out a
85 permit pursuant to section 20-332-16(b) of the regulations of
86 Connecticut state agencies.

87 (k) In lieu of displaying a contractor's license number pursuant to
88 section 20-334, each public service company, certified
89 telecommunications provider or [its] affiliate authorized pursuant to
90 this section to employ registered public service technicians shall
91 display its name, logo or other trademark which clearly identifies the
92 company or provider on all commercial vehicles used in its business
93 and in a conspicuous manner on all printed advertisements, bid
94 proposals, contracts, invoices and on all stationery used in its
95 business."